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| In re Patent Application of: | ) | Confirmation No. 5795     |
| Takahiro KUME et al.         | ) |                           |
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| Filed: March 12, 2004        | ) | Group Art Unit: 1794      |
| For: POLISHING SHEET AND     | ) |                           |
| MANUFACTURING METHOD OF      | ) |                           |
| ELASTIC PLASTIC FOAM SHEET   | ) |                           |

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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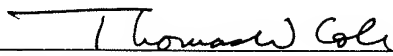
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the species illustrated in Figure 6 and defined in claims 1, 2, 3, 9 and 22.

This election is made without traverse. However, Applicants would point out that claim 1 is generic to all of the species of the invention, and respectfully requests in advance that the Examiner reinstate all of the non-elected claims upon the allowance of claim 1 or another generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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